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Mortality reports from the city of Rio de Janeiro.

Week ended April 29, 1906: Total deaths, 285. Yellow fever, 1 death, with 3 new cases reported. No deaths from bubonic plague or variola. At the close of the week there were in the hospital of São Sebastião 3 cases of yellow fever, 2 cases of variola under treatment, and 11 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

Week ended May 6: Total deaths, 290; no deaths from yellow fever, bubonic plague, or variola. There was, however, 1 case of variola reported during the week. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião 2 cases of yellow fever, 1 case of variola, and 11 cases of suspicious illness under observation.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Cooke reports as follows: Week ended June 1, 1906. Present officially estimated population, 9,000; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
May 25	Olympia	New Orleans	43	4
25	Kirkstall	do	20

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Quarantine precautions—Quarantinable diseases: Plague, smallpox, and cholera—Statement of plague situation and comparative statistics.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, April 28 and 30 and May 5, as follows:

Week ended April 28, 1906. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on September 9, 1905.

Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on April 21, 1906.

Communicable diseases: Plague 58 cases, 52 deaths; smallpox 5 cases, 4 deaths.

Week ended May 5, 1906. To the restrictions enforced by Hongkong, as reported on September 9, 1905, the following have been added:

Diseases.	Port or place.	Restrictions in force.
Cholera..	Singapore.	Medical examination; quarantine at the discretion of the health officer.

To the restrictions enforced against Hongkong, as reported on April 28, 1906, the following have been added:

Port or place.	Nature of measure.
Siam....	Hongkong declared an infected port.

Communicable diseases: Plague, 61 cases, 58 deaths; smallpox, 4 cases, 4 deaths; cholera, 1 case, 1 death.

Precautions taken at Hongkong during the month of April, 1906, for the protection of the public health of the United States, the Insular Territory, and the Republic of Panama.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health	35
Vessels fumigated to kill vermin	2
Examined for diseases contemplated in paragraphs 29 and 67 of the quarantine regulations:	
(a) Personnel	3, 207
(b) Passengers	1, 653
Required to bathe and undergo special examination:	
(a) Personnel	2, 564
(b) Passengers	684
Examined for diseases contemplated by the laws controlling immigration:	
Aliens	546
Rejected	124
Baggage:	
(a) Inspected and labeled	4
(b) Disinfected and labeled	2, 999
Communicable diseases:	
Plague—	
Cases	147
Deaths	134
Smallpox—	
Cases	41
Deaths	32
Rat examinations:	
(a) Examined	2, 954
(b) Infected with plague	118
Cargo stored (paragraph 22):	
Human hair	cases 38
Bristles	do 10
Feathers	do 27

This is the oriental epidemic season. The epidemics usually appear in the order of smallpox, plague, cholera, and subside in the order of smallpox, cholera, plague. April, May, and June ordinarily are the months during which the plague epidemic is severest.

On March 2, 1894, a large Chinese procession was held in Hongkong, and it is estimated that 40,000 coolies came from Canton for the occasion. It is believed that plague was introduced by them. The decennial report of the Chinese imperial maritime customs states:

It seems to be now well proved that the Hongkong visitation came directly from Canton and not from Pakhai as many asserted.

Hongkong plague statistics are given as follows:

Year.	Cases.	Deaths.	Mortality percent- age.
1894	2, 500	2, 317	92. 7
1895	44		
1896	1, 205	1, 078	89. 5
1897	27		
1898	1, 320	1, 175	89
1899	1, 486	1, 434	96. 5
1900	1, 082	1, 034	95. 5
1901	1, 750	1, 666	95. 2

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Shawmut* recommended, April 28, 1906, for rejection: For Puget Sound, 2.